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SUBJECT: CORONATION: OFFICIAL AIRCRAFT

REF: A) STATE 030223; B) KATHMANDU 5120

1. GON REPORTS THAT BOEING 707 CAN LAND AT TRIBHUVAN AIRPORT BUT THAT PARKING SPACE WILL NOT, REPEAT NOT, BE AVAILABLE FOR AIRCRAFT LARGER THAN FOKKER FRIENDSHIP (F-28). ACCORDING GON OFFICIAL, MOST DELEGATIONS ARRIVING BY OFFICIAL AIRCRAFT WILL UTILIZE SMALL AIRCRAFT. JAPANESE AND CHINESE DELEGATIONS WILL ARRIVE IN LARGER AIRCRAFT, WHICH WILL DROP OFF PASSENGERS AND PROCEED TO OTHER AREAS FOR PARKING. (JAPANESE EMBASSY REPORTS JAPANESE AIRCRAFT WILL BE PARKED IN BANGKOK).

2. DIRECTOR GENERAL CIVIL AVIATION HAS TOLD EMBASSY THAT JET FUEL WILL BE AVAILABLE AT TRIBHUVAN AIRPORT.

3. SINCE 707 CANNOT BE PARKED IN KATHMANDU, WE SUGGEST DEPARTMENT CONSIDER FOLLOWING POSSIBILITIES:

GAA) AIRCRAFT COULD PROCEED TO THAILAND FHN PARKING AFTER DROPPING DELEGATION IN KATHMANDU. FLIGHT TIME TO THAILAND IS THREE HOURS. EITHER MAT TERMINAL AT BANGKOK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT OR U-TAPAO AIR FORCE BASE COULD BE UTILIZED.

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AIRCRAFT COULD THEN RETURN TO PICK UP

DELEGATION UPON
CONCLUSION OF CORONATION ACTIVITIES;

B) TRANSFER TO SMALLER AIRCRAFT, SUCH AS THAT OF AIR
ATTACHE, COULD PERHAPS BE MADE IN BANGKOK. SMALLER
AIRPLANE COULD THEN BE PARKED AT TRIBHUVAN AIRPORT,
WHERE IT WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE;

C) PARKING OF 707 IN INDIA AT DELHI OR CALCUTTA WOULD
ALSO BE POSSIBILITY. AIRCRAFT WOULD THEN BE CLOSER TO
KATHMANDU, FLIGHT TIME ABOUT ONE HOUR, BUT ADMINISTRATIVE
ARRANGEMENTS WOULD PRESUMABLY BE MORE DIFFICULT THAN USE OF
USG FACILITIES IN THAILAND.
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